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DEADLIEST SHOOTING IN STATE'S HISTORY

Gunman kills 26 at Texas church

White man in his 20s opens fire on congregants with assault rifle; no obvious terror group ties

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Law enforcement officials work the scene of a mass shooting at First Baptist Church in Sutherland Springs, Texas.

By Jim Vertuno
Associated Press

SUTHERLAND SPRINGS, TEXAS » A man dressed in black tactical-style gear and armed with an assault rifle opened fire inside a church in a small South Texas community on Sunday, killing 26 people and wounding at least 16 others in what the governor called the deadliest mass shooting in the state's history. The dead ranged in age from 5 to 72 years old.

Authorities didn't identify the attacker during a news conference Sunday night, but two other officials — one a U.S. official and one in law enforcement — identified him as Devin Kelley. They spoke to The Associated Press on the condition of anonymity because they weren't authorized to discuss the investigation.

The U.S. official said Kelley lived in a San Antonio suburb and didn't appear to be linked to organized terrorist groups. Investigators were looking at social media posts Kelley made in the days before Sunday's attack, including one that appeared to show an AR-15 semi-automatic weapon.

In a brief statement, the

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Carrie Matula embraces a woman after the fatal shooting that saw 26 killed and at least 16 hurt.

CRISIS BREEDS OPPORTUNITY

STARTING UP HOUSING SOLUTIONS

Innovation: Entrepreneurs take on Bay Area's pricey market

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Troy and Maria Robinson unpack boxes as they settle into their new home in San Carlos. Maria, a schoolteacher, used the startup Landed, which helps teachers qualify for housing in the pricey Bay Area.

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An emerging group of local entrepreneurs is taking up arms against the sky-high cost of living in the Bay Area, hoping to end once and for all the housing crisis crippling the region.

These founders, intent on disrupting the housing market and bringing down costs, are stepping in as government officials and nonprofits struggle with the enormity of the problem. Some are launching startups focused on creating new housing units, while others are working to help people buy or rent.

It's a potentially lucrative business opportunity, targeting a sector where experts agree change is sorely needed. In some places in the Bay Area, only one-quarter of potential first-time buyers can afford a median-priced home, according to Joint Venture Silicon Valley, which studies the area's economy. It's no better for renters: The median cost for an apartment is more than twice as high in San Francisco as in the rest of the country.

"It's really exciting to the see the marketplace responding to the need," said Rufus Jeffris, vice president of communications for the Bay Area Council.

It's exciting for investors,

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STARTUPS TAKING ON THE HOUSING CRISIS

PHOTOS BY DAI SUGANO — STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Jon Dishotsky is CEO and co-founder of local startup Starcity. Starcity turns abandoned buildings, such as this one in San Francisco, into rental housing.

↑ Landed
Helps teachers afford down payments on homes in their school districts.

← Starcity
Creates new housing by buying and renovating abandoned buildings and converting them into long-term rental units.

HomeSlice
Helps groups of people purchase a home together.

Roofstock
Helps landlords buy and sell occupied buildings without displacing tenants.

Haven Connect
Helps get people into low-income, affordable housing by streamlining the onerous application process.

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KILLED 58 PEOPLE

Stanford lab to probe Vegas shooter's brain

Scientists hope to find biological clues to explain gunman's crime

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Dead and stored in a morgue, Stephen Paddock can't explain why he carried out one of the worst mass shootings in American history.

But his brain, on its way to Stanford, might reveal clues. Carefully lifted from the vault of its skull and preserved in formalin, the 64-year-old killer's brain is being shipped from Las Vegas to Pasteur Drive in search of a biological basis for his violent outburst last month that left 58 people dead and injured more than 500 others.

Paddock

The specifics remain shrouded in mystery. Under an agreement with Las Vegas-based investigators, the university won't discuss their plans — and will not allow neuropathologist Dr. Hannes Vogel to speak even generally about the lab, which studies about 250 brains annually.

But Las Vegas authorities say the exam is

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HONORING IRIS CHANG

LIPO CHING — STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Shau-Jin Chang, left, and his wife Ying-Ying Chang are advocates for the park named for their daughter.

Work for Microsoft a new hurdle for long delayed park

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SAN JOSE » Not far from where best-selling Chinese-American author Iris Chang lived before she died in 2004, a plot of land for a park in North San Jose that was planned to memorialize her is still covered in dirt and surrounded by an orange fence.

Iris Chang

Two years ago, San Jose leaders agreed to build a new 3-acre park there named after the internationally recognized author. It was supposed to open this year.

But it hasn't been an easy journey. First, the park's debris-filled soil needed to be replaced, causing a yearlong delay. Now, supporters worry, a proposal to build a water well on the site primarily to support a tech company could delay the park opening again.

"We feel very disappointed and upset," said

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